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AMENDMENT

April 11, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on January 11, 2005.

Payment for six independent claims is attached (following the present amendment there is a total of nine independent claims).

No fee for extension of time is due. However, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but please consider this paper a petition for extension of time if needed.

A substitute specification will be submitted on Tuesday, April 12. A marked-up version of the specification showing changes is attached. Some requirements of the Examiner are traversed, as is explained below.

A proposed drawing change is attached. The change is that suggested by the Examiner at page 2 of the Action, identifying edge 11b in Fig. 4(a). The requirement for "prior art" in Figs 9-10 is respectfully traversed for the reasons below.

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